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The Risen Christ



Aye, the lilies are pure in their pallor,

The roses are fragrant and sweet,

The music pours out like a sea wave

Pulsing in praise at His feet—

Pulsing in passionate praises

That Jesus has risen again,

But we look for the signs of His coming

In the hearts of the children of men.

Wherever a mantle of pity

Falls soft on a wound or a woe,

Wherever a peace or a pardon

Springs up to o'ermaster a foe,

Wherever a soft hand of blessing

Outreaches to succor a need,

Wherever springs healing for wounding,

The Master is risen indeed!

Wherever the soul of a people

Arising in courage and might,

Burst forth from the errors that shrouded

Its hopes in the gloom of the night;

Wherever in sight of God's legions

The armies of evil recede,

And truth wins a soul or a kingdom,

The Master is risen indeed!

—*Mary Lowe Dickenson.*

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



THE SOUL'S EASTER

Self is the only prison
That can bind the soul;
Love is the only angel
Who can bid the gates unroll;

And when he comes to call thee,
Arise and follow fast;
His way may lie through darkness,
But it leads to light at last.

—Henry Van Dyke.

It is good to pass on Dr. Van Dyke's beautiful Easter message before culling suggestive thoughts from the sheaf of personal letters on the desk. Our missionaries frequently request the prayers of friends at home. We pray for them always, don't we? But do we always remember especially the *individual*, as well as the "missionary;" the human being, with all—and more, perhaps—of the daily temptations, needs, trials, heartaches as ourselves? We all need help in the little things as well as in the large things of life. One writes, "Keep us in mind. Tell the Father about us." Another, "Please remember us often in your prayers. This is a real *heartfelt* request." . . . We return thanks to Rev. Z. F. Griffin for a photograph of Henderson Home and Brown Dispensary which will be reproduced for the benefit of HELPER readers. . . . Miss Barnes wrote from Santipore, under date of Jan. 14, "We are looking forward to some special meetings—the Mela, as we call it—to begin Feb. 20. Rev. J. P. Jones from Assam is coming. We are hoping that much blessing will be the result, a spiritual uplift to both missionaries and native Christians." . . . A friend in America writes, "Our pastor, in giving a report of the Haystack Centennial, repeated a story which impressed me deeply. Rev. Henry Bissell, of India, was speaking, and said that one night a very young Hindu girl who had been sold to a life of shame by her parents, fled from the place and running, breathless, took refuge in his home, begging protection. There was a Brahman with whom Mr. Bissell often discussed religion, a man of means. Mr. Bissell sent for this man, who came and heard the story of the girl. Mr. Bissell asked if he would go in and talk with her. "No, no."—indignation at the very idea he should so pollute himself. Suddenly he looked at Mr. Bissell and said, "I may as well tell you at once there is no place for that girl in my

religion." You can imagine how the missionary would exult in the love of Christ which would enfold and protect the child and finally cleanse her. There is so much of wisdom and goodness in the philosophies of the East that students of them are charmed, but only Christ will take the sinner to His arms and love and cherish."....We gladly give credit to whom credit is due. The new map of our India Field, reproduced in this number of the HELPER, was made by Miss Charlotte Shepard, a student in Hillsdale College, under the direction of Mr. Myers, and the original cut is owned by the Young People's Department of General Conference. Mr. Myers writes that the figures like the "31" on the road between Bhadrak and Chaudbali represent the distance. It is probably the best map that has ever been made of that field. Let us all study it until we are thoroughly familiar with it....Have you a copy of the Year Book for 1907? It contains reports from India and Africa as well as much other readable and helpful matter. It ought to be in every Free Baptist home. Send twenty-five cents to Rev. Arthur Given, Providence, R. I. for it. Our kind friend, Rev. J. M. W. Farnham, D. D., of Shanghai, sends us the annual report of the Chinese Tract Society, and the record therein may well make everyone rejoice. We quote briefly: "We stand today face to face with one of the greatest efforts after reforms ever witnessed in any land. Events are taking place before our eyes which are the answer to prayers some of us heard offered from devout hearts fifty and sixty years ago. How well some will remember hearing God's people plead that China might be opened. Today her doors stand wide open. Never before have her people gathered in such audiences or with such a sincere desire to hear the Gospel. Never before have we been able to sell so many religious books. One of the greatest developments ever seen is taking place here. All at once hundreds of thousands of youths are started on a course of education. In Japan there are thirteen or fourteen thousand Chinese students. China is fully alive to the importance of taking her place among the nations of the earth." The Chinese Tract Society has issued 902,490 books and tracts during the year, and about 10,893,322 pages of literature have been distributed. "When we consider the great variety and vast amount of Christian literature issued by this society from the first until now, it is evident that it has been a mighty power for good among the millions of China." Hearty welcome to the new auxiliary in Curlew, Iowa; to the several reorganized societies East and West, and to the new HELPER subscribers everywhere. We hope that you will feel very much at home and that your membership in our circle is for life! That roll call of missionaries in the Lowell auxiliary is a happy suggestion—see words from Home Workers—and the report from Michigan is full of encouragement. We have received the "Annual Letter" of Rhode Island, also of Maine. Both report progress along several lines.

JOHN G. PATON

BY REV. ERNEST GEO. W. WESLEY.

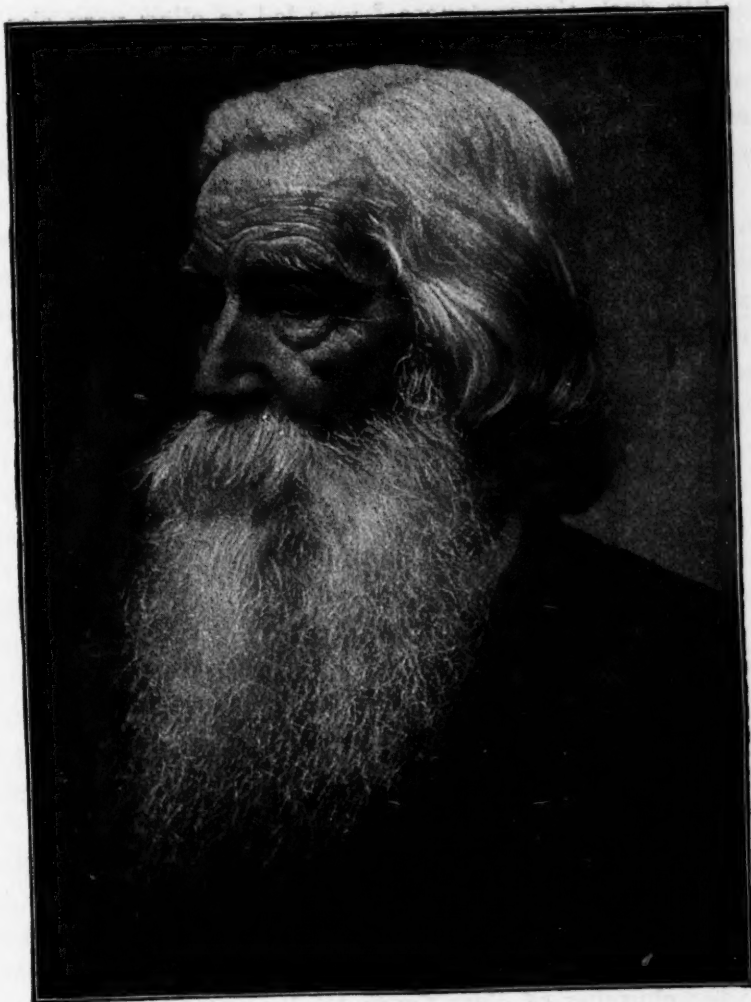
Born in the county of Dumfries, Scotland, May 24, 1824, and still living as one of the most heroic, faith-impelled, faith-exemplifying, faith-defended missionaries of any age, Dr. Paton's autobiography should be read by all who desire to know of the triumphs of Christian faith. All the writer of this article can hope to accomplish is that he may lead many to read the story of the work of God through Dr. Paton and his associates.

The parents of Mr. Paton were fairly well to do, his father being a stocking weaver to which trade their son was early apprenticed. Dr. Paton's grandfather, once a sailor on a British man-of-war, bore to his dying day the scar of a sword cut inflicted by Paul Jones, by whom he was once taken prisoner.

At an early age John G. Paton gave his heart to Christ and heard the call of the Spirit to the ministry of the Cross. Entering into Glasgow city missionary work, studying evenings (free education being part of his salary), he soon displayed the earnestness, courage, faith and devotion which ever characterized him. At the end of ten years he and his roommate, Joseph Copeland, offered themselves to the Reformed Presbyterian Board for missionary work in the New Hebrides mission, already consecrated to God by the blood of martyrs. These two were ordained March 23, 1858, and sailed for Melbourne, Australia, the following April, reaching their field, Aneityum, Aug. 30, of the same year, to be most cordially welcomed by Messrs. Geddie, Inglis and Mathieson, who had preceded them by several years. Port Resolution, Tanna, was assigned to Mr. Paton, an island about forty miles from Aneityum, and at once occupied.

The seeming hopelessness of the work is stated in Dr. Paton's autobiography: "My first impressions drove me almost to despair." Trial after trial came to test and prove the man, the Christian. March 3, 1859, Mrs. Paton died and on March 20 his infant son. "The darkness of midnight now descended upon me; stunned by the dreadful loss, my reason seemed to be almost giving way. I buried my dead with my own hands. But for the fellowship of Jesus I must have died beside that lonely grave."

During the first months Mr. Paton's life was lived from day to day, often from hour to hour, in constant expectation of martyrdom. The can-



John G. Paton.

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nibal natives were wholly opposed to the New Worship which meant such a change to them as to awaken all their rage, cruelty and murderous treachery. Dr. Paton tells us the result of those days upon his own spiritual life: "In such circumstances I was led to cling very closely to the Lord Jesus. I had my nearest and dearest glimpses of the face and smile of my blessed Lord while musket, club, or spear was levelled at my life." Most wonderful indeed is the record of the forty or fifty miraculous deliverances granted, in each of which the hand of God was strikingly made visible.

The year 1861 opened with renewed trials. Mr. Johnson, one of Mr. Paton's associates, died; then came tidings of the martyrdom of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon at Erromanga; then the incessant plottings of the traders who sought to influence the natives against the missionaries. Just when the war chiefs were preparing to massacre the whole mission the sudden and most providential arrival of a British man-of-war forced peace for a while and effectually counteracted the villany of the white traders. This peace, however, was but for a brief period. The Tannese finding that no punishment had been inflicted upon the Erromangas concluded the English feared and dared not punish. Opposition grew more fierce, threats of murder became louder, so that it was at last decided to abandon Tanna which was done the next year, the missionaries finding homes on Aneityum with their associates in that mission.

March 11, 1862, Mrs. Mathieson died, her husband's death following on June 14, thus leaving Mr. Paton as the only survivor to tell the awful story of those sad and wearisome years of the New Hebrides Mission.

A little later, by the advice of the missionaries at Aneityum, Mr. Paton sailed for Australia to interest the churches there in the work, also to raise funds to purchase a mission ship. Great discouragement met him, at first, which afterwards changed to even greater encouragement. His appeals to the churches of New South Wales met with such success that he continued the work in Victoria. In 1863 Mr. Paton reached Scotland, on the same mission. During this visit home he was married to his second wife who accompanied him to the New Hebrides, early the next year, reaching Sydney, Australia, Jan. 17, 1865. The new mission ship "Morning Star," was found already in the harbor when they arrived. Once more Mr. Paton had to make heroic financial efforts in order to clear the ship from the claims of the crew for wages and also to meet

other expenses incurred, for which, but for these efforts, the ship would have been sold.

It was decided that Mr. and Mrs. Paton should settle on the small island of Aniwa, seven miles long by two wide, a few miles northeast of Tanna, which now became the center of the evangelistic labors of Mr. Paton and those associated with him. Discouragements, of course, were met at the first, but owing to the labors of Samoan native workers who entered this island in 1840, some preparation had been made so that from the beginning the Gospel was more favorably received. From the beginning of the work of the Holy Spirit in Aniwa three facts were prominent in the lives of those who gave themselves to Christ: (1) family prayers; (2) grace before meals; (3) the keeping of the Lord's day. Mr. Paton well questioned whether, judged by these proofs, many Christian homes in Great Britain and America were not still heathen. Oct. 24, 1869, was a day long to be remembered in Aniwa, for on this day the first communion was held, at which the old war chief Namekie, once cannibal and murderer, with eleven others, knelt before the table of the Lord.

Disaster came to the mission on Jan. 6, 1873, in the wreck and total loss of the *Day Star*. Once more Dr. Paton had to undertake the raising of funds for the purchase of the second *Day Spring* in which, with the \$2,000 insurance money, he was successful. A second visit was made to England, Scotland and Ireland, 1884—1885, that the people might know how wonderfully God had wrought, converts being counted by the hundred, among them the once famous chiefs Namekie, Naswai, Nerwa, Munga, Ruwawa and Nasi who, with many more, now were bold in Christ to declare the good news of salvation in Christ. With these also stood the queens by birth and by grace, Katua and Litsi, witnesses and missionaries. During this trip effort was made to raise \$30,000 for a steam auxiliary ship. Once more Dr. Paton was so successful that he was able to place about \$45,000 in the hands of the committee on his return to Sydney.

During the years which have followed hundreds, even thousands, have given their hearts to Christ. Success has followed the labors of the workers on every island where they have been able to labor. Heroic have been the sacrifices and labors of the native converts; many among them winning the martyr's crown. At the Ecumenical Council held in New York in 1900 Dr. Paton reported 3,000 native converts, the Word

of God translated into twenty-two languages unknown to the world when he first entered the field, at which date cannibalism was universal, the natives were without the least civilization, without clothing, without written language, sunken so low in the depths of everything which makes man vile, and considered to be outside the pale of possible redemption.

Since 1892, Dr. Paton has made his home at Melbourne, several visits having been made to England and the States with occasional visits to some of the islands for whose salvation he gave nearly forty years of his life. The life of this aged warrior of the Cross is an inspiration to nobler work, to greater sacrifices, to more heroic endeavor; and his face (as the writer can testify) and voice remind one of the patriarchs of old concerning whom we are told "they walked with God."

Providence, R. I.

CALL FOR THE SEVENTH ANNUAL THANK OFFERING

Are we ready for another Thank-offering call? What, another call so soon! Yes, so soon; for a whole year has passed with its hurry and its worry, its moments of heavenly vision, its hours of toil, of care and, to many, of sorrow and suffering, of anxious and prayerful planning for the future, since the last call, our sixteenth, went forth.

For thirty-four years the Woman's Missionary Society has given consecrated service to its noble work for God and humanity; for seventeen years a Thank-offering service has been held in recognition of God's goodness to us in this free land, and as an expression of our gratitude for all that life means to us in this Christian country; also, we have great reason for thankfulness for all that has been accomplished; for have you not heard, do you not know that "In no other twelve months has India taken such a stride forward into the light;" that she is "on the verge of one of the mightiest spiritual upheavals the world has ever known;" and that "a new day has dawned for many of India's missionaries as well as for her people?" Read the report of the American Free Baptist Mission, in our Year Book for 1907, and see how these glad truths have touched our own field—our churches, missionaries, native helpers and the people of the communities for which they labor.

We rejoice in the harmonious readjustment of the work in India; the enlargement of the industrial departments, thereby placing the means of earning a livelihood within reach of the converts; in the good health of our workers; the safe return of Mrs. Hamlen and Miss Barnes, and

in the fact that a larger amount of money has come to our treasury for regular work than in any previous year. We note with gratitude the encouraging report from the youngest, but growing, Free Baptist mission, in Africa, under the direction of Rev. L. P. Clinton, and especially rejoice that converts are awaiting baptism.

And what of the Home Field? From many quarters are coming reports of the blessed results of the evangelistic campaign. News is received of a very remarkable revival at Storer. The college itself has never had a year of greater prosperity, or one with a more promising outlook. South, West and East alike have felt the inrush of new life. Western workers write of new auxiliaries and new HELPER subscribers. Everywhere we note with satisfaction the growing interest in mission study, and the organization of new mission classes; the loyalty of the friends of the MISSIONARY HELPER, whose persistent efforts for a lengthened subscription list have not been in vain; and that the cheering rays of the Sunshine Society are shining farther and farther even unto India.

We are profoundly grateful for the world-wide movement toward the light; for our deeper knowledge of and interest in one another—whether we live in America, India, Africa or the Islands of the Sea; for the growing sense of human brotherhood, even in the midst of appalling evils, and unprecedented disasters.

All of these causes for rejoicing which prove that the missionary work of the past has been a success—are doors of opportunity as surely as are the contrasting facts of sin, suffering and oppression which it is our privilege to try to relieve. Let us, then, bring our offerings, as God has prospered, to help sustain the work for which we are responsible.

The children are welcomed to an offering of their very own, a Thank-offering that shall provide for the salary of their missionary, Miss Barnes; kindergarten work for the wee ones in India, and the domestic science department at Storer College. The special junior mite boxes may be obtained of Mrs. A. D. Chapman, 12 Prescott St., Lewiston, Maine, and mite boxes for the Cradle Rolls and Advanced Light Bearers, of Mrs. Laura E. Hartley, 547 Ocean St., So. Portland, Me. The Light Bearers support five children in Sinclair Orphanage and pay a part of the salary of Miss Sims at Storer.

As usual, a program and other helps for the May meeting will appear in the April HELPER. A public meeting in the church is very desir-

able, under the auspices of the auxiliary or others in the church where there is no auxiliary organization. It should be a deeply spiritual service, wherever held, in church, vestry or the home. Let the friends who cannot attend any gathering observe the hour in May, and send their gift to our general treasurer, Miss L. A. DeMeritte, Ocean Park, Maine. Auxiliary and church offerings should be sent to the Quarterly Meeting and State treasurers; or, where there are none, to Miss DeMeritte, as above.

Let us remember the fact that the Thank-offering is a special, free-will gift; not a part of the "tenth," not the payment of a due, or the membership fee. It will be counted as a part of the State apportionment, however; and each twenty dollars of any Thank-offering entitles the donor or donors to make some one a life member of the W. M. S. Offerings less than twenty dollars can be applied toward a life membership, the required amount to be completed later.

Offering envelopes and attractive new invitations are free and may be obtained upon application to Miss Edyth R. Porter, 15 Andover St., Peabody, Mass.

With much prayer and a deeper consecration to service, "Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord; whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord."

CLARA A. RICKER,
NELLIE WADE WHITCOMB,
LINDA V. JORDAN,
Committee.

PROGRESS AND OPPORTUNITY AT STORER

BY HENRY T. MCDONALD, PRESIDENT.

The work of the Woman's Missionary Society at Storer college will stand an honored monument to their conscientious endeavor. More than a generation of time has come and gone since the society became vitally interested in the work for colored people and proved their profession by their aid. That their interest and assistance have been well placed is shown by the character of the men and women who have come and gone from these halls. The alumni of this school are found among editors, doctors, lawyers, clergymen, teachers, as well as being found among those in the less learned but no less honored walks of life.

What the colored people have especially needed since the Civil War has been wise leaders of their own color together with an enduring be-

lief that the best white people of the land are their steadfast friends and well-wishers. These two ends are best accomplished in a school like Storer where there is the close personal contact between student and instructor. The relation of the W. M. S. to this work is, therefore, of double value; first, because it supplies financial means for maintaining the life work of the school, and secondly, because it evidences, beyond question, to the students and those directly benefited by the school, an enduring friendship that is blessed to know.

The money appropriated by the Society has, for the most part, been so appropriated that only women could be employed by it and the kind of work that these teachers could do has been limited. These conditions have resulted from very good reasons, but as a result the appropriations have not always done the school the maximum of possible good. Still the six women teachers supported in part or whole by the Society do a vital part of the teaching.

The amount of our appropriation is inadequate. It has not kept pace with the growth of the school in the past five years and this year finds us especially cramped for funds. There are more girls enrolled now than ever before in the history of the school and the average attendance is the largest in the history of the forty years of work done here. Classes are so large they must be divided. With no extra teachers or means for employing them this means extra and wearing work for the regular members of the faculty—and their work ought not to be increased. We are all ambitious that the school shall have a larger usefulness and are giving, as before, extra energy to that end, but there is a limit to human strength.

I have said all this with no other intention than to plainly state the case, that the loyal supporters of the work may be encouraged to yet larger deeds for the school. We have never done the good that we might have done because of a lack of funds.

Let me enumerate some of the things that have been done in the past five years:

1.—Storer has adopted the Co-Operative Boarding Club system and it has proven to be a splendid change.

2.—We have added teachers of Drawing, Vocal Music, Gardening, Blacksmithing, Sewing and Dressmaking and a Band Master.

3.—We have added courses of instruction corresponding to the instructors named.

4.—We have fitted up and modestly equipped a laboratory.

5.—The DeWolfe Industrial Building has been remodelled and the work in Cookery is done there.

6.—New furnishings have been put into Myrtle Hall and Lincoln Hall. There are yet a few rooms to be refurnished.

7.—We have added to our equipment the fine new Lewis W. Anthony Industrial Building in which the courses in Carpentry and Blacksmithing are taught.

8.—We have added Sinclair Cottage to our dormitory system. This is a comfortable cottage, situated on the campus, now being used by those girls who board themselves. There are eighteen people in it at this time.

Mentioning it suggests our special needs which are:

1.—An enlargement of Sinclair Cottage so as to make it the Home for Senior Girls and the home for the Department of Sewing and Dress-making. \$2,000 will enable us to do this.

2.—An immediate change should be made in our heating arrangements. Our buildings are in constant danger from fire. And the old furnaces which heat the recitation hall are rather a source of smoke and dirt than a supply of heat. Beside seriously affecting health there is a constant loss due to damaged books and apparatus and clothing which ought not to be. I especially ask serious consideration of this matter. \$6,000 will give us a sorely needed heating system.

3.—We want water. We need the protection it would afford; we need the bath and toilet necessities it would make possible; we need it in order that we may install a laundry. A laundry would pay its own expenses. As things are this year, fully 150 people connected with the school as students and teachers must do their own laundry work or hire it done. If we had a laundry we could give employment to worthy and willing students whereby they could pay at least a part of their expenses and at the same time they could be learning one of the most useful of trades. We could do commercial work as there is no other laundry in Harper's Ferry.

4.—We very much need more recitation room. Classes recite in the dining room, sewing room, and in all available places. If all of Anthony Memorial Hall could be used for recitation purposes, it would suffice for present needs. This is not possible so long as the President and family occupy rooms in the Hall. If they could be moved from the Hall to some other place on the campus five good recitation rooms would be released

for class work and they are all needed. The Trustees have concluded that the best way to meet this condition is to erect a president's house and now they are looking for some one who will be glad to associate his or her name forever with the college by the gift of a house.

5.—We need an endowment.

It seems hardly necessary to mention the really great spiritual blessings which we have recently had, though nothing can be more important in the life of a Christian school than the idealizing of student life and the awakening of the divine in them. Secretary Myers was the instrument, in God's hand, for bringing a great blessing to us. Fully seventy students were led to confess a desire to lead the new and better life. I believe a larger future is just ahead of Storer. I believe that God in His own time will lead us all to do for this cause as we have been prospered. May we all remember what March 17 may mean for Storer college.

Harper's Ferry, W. Va.

STORER COLLEGE

BY CORALIE FRANKLIN COOK.

(Concluded.)

Without detracting in any way from our corps of teachers at Storer college, many of whom have honored the institution and themselves in their tried and true service, I want to say a few words in reference to our leaders there, President and Mrs. McDonald; and whatever value may be attached to these words should be justly increased by the admission that they are expressed only after a careful and unbiased observation of their work extending over their entire connection with the school. Undoubtedly they are growing with the task they have undertaken and are surely gaining the hearts of their students, as well as public confidence and good will. It were a worse than useless task for any man to take charge of such an institution as Storer college without the feeling that he is "called of God" to the work. Having once assumed the trust he must be wise to discharge it conscientiously. No one doubts that the present is a crucial time with the colored people. With faith so often betrayed it is little wonder they have grown chary of bestowing confidence, but let them once acknowledge a leader and they will follow with the zeal of the Crusaders. It is highly gratifying to the alumni of Storer college to note the integrity of purpose manifested by the president of Storer. He is evidently thinking for the school. He is giving his best mentality

to planning for its usefulness and growth, and for the development of character and well-being of the pupils. The more one sees of him the more deeply one is impressed by his far-reaching earnestness, and his intelligent desire to meet wisely the difficulties that beset him. Between President and Mrs. McDonald there is an unmistakable at-one-ness as regards their mission, and the denomination is doubly blest to have placed our beloved institution in such keeping. I wish that every HELPER reader who has not already done so would begin now, step by step, to follow the work of these two people. Begin, for example, with the beginning of the "Home for Senior Girls" at Sinclair cottage.

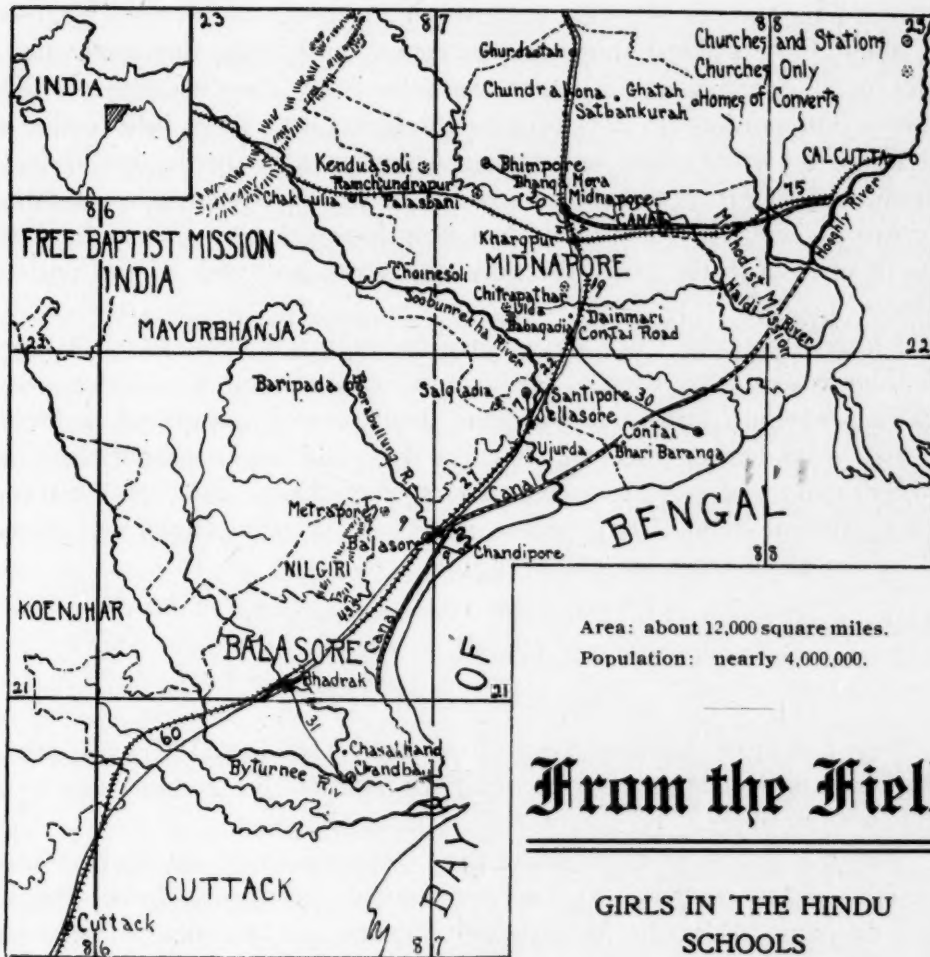
In every grade of educational and philanthropic work, the superiority of the cottage system over that of the large dormitory has been demonstrated. In the training of colored young women it is, if possible, more necessary than with any other class. The matron in charge of the girls will make of them a family, assigning the various tasks and providing for the rest and recreation that make the family life in every well-ordered home. Here, more careful attention is given to individuals. The great work of character building can be conducted as it is impossible to do with so large a number. Such, in brief, is this new and laudable undertaking. It is only one of several that the president has projected that should appeal to denominational interest and support.

I wish that I had time to say all of the things that suggest themselves to me about the future of Storer college. I begin to have the largest hopes for her future, provided her interests are rightly safeguarded.

If I should find any fault with the Northern friends of Storer college, it would be to say that they have been too modest about their work. Many an institution, with far less reason, sounds a trumpet to herald its good deeds. I believe we ought to do more advertising and I believe (as I have long believed) that we ought to seek financial aid from some of the millionaire philanthropists, that have money to give and are going to give it somewhere.

Who can present a better record of money given in love and self-sacrifice, and expended with prudence and sacred fidelity? Who can furnish a better history of those larger gifts of self, consecrated to God in work for humanity, than are our rich possessions, both among the living and the dead? Who among all the struggling colored people are better "human documents," telling the eloquent, the pathetic tale of a race's undying purpose to clothe itself in the dignity of true manhood and justify every act of brotherly love bestowed upon him than the graduates of Storer college?

Howard University, Washington, D. C.



From the Field

GIRLS IN THE HINDU SCHOOLS

Each year all the little girls who have reached the mature age of twelve are obliged to leave school. Some who have been previously married will soon go to live in their husband's home; or, if they are to remain a year longer with their parents, they are considered too big to be seen walking in the public streets. Others are about to be married and must not return to school. Although on good authority, it is stated that the average age at which girls are now married is about two years higher than it was 30 or 40 years ago; still among many castes, infant girls are married.

In one school I recently counted six little girls, all under ten, who bore the red marriage mark in the parting of the hair. One little tot was

not over five, another six, two were seven or eight, the others a year or two older. The saddest thing in connection with these very early marriages is the greater liability that the little bride may become a child-widow. The parents do not seem to consider this. They believe that a god wrote the child's fate on its forehead soon after birth, and if it is written that the girl is to become a widow, a widow she must be; nothing they can do will avert her fate. Yet how inconsiderate! They bind all sorts of charms to the arms, the neck, the waist, to ward off evil and to preserve health.

I have urged the Christian women to teach the girls simple hymns, and Bible verses, which tell of the love of God, of a tender, loving, sympathizing Saviour, and to aim to have them so well committed to memory that years hence, when all seems so dark and hopeless, and they are in the despair that is sure to come to many of them, some verse learned in the Mission School may be the means of bringing light and peace and saving them from sin and ruin.

ELLA M. BUTTS.

Midnapore, India.

TREASURER'S NOTES

New auxiliary: Curlew, Iowa. Good news from Iowa! Mrs. Miles reports that she has organized an auxiliary with twelve members and six HELPER subscribers. Who is the next to do likewise?

I wish to call your attention to the "Declarations of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society" at the last annual meeting. These can be found on page 364 of the MISSIONARY HELPER for December. They deserve a careful reading and action. Note what they say about the HELPER plans which are elsewhere referred to in these notes. Especially ponder over the reference to our auxiliary work, and that the Board of General Conference has endorsed its enlargement. Now is the time to increase auxiliaries, so you realize that every new one that is organized for the purpose of doing work in India, helps the treasury of General Conference. I plead for a vigorous campaign in this direction. Live, up-to-date, new and old auxiliaries are very much needed. This means societies that hold regular meetings, have interesting programs, including a study of our own denominational work, home and foreign, and the inter-denominational study course; societies in which prayer is a prominent feature. Such organizations cannot help being alive and con-

separated. Will not our State and quarterly meeting officers give this matter serious consideration and set in motion such plans as will result in more auxiliaries?

Other things of interest in the Declarations are the need of care in specifying how gifts shall be used and the Quiet Hour. I am more and more impressed with the need of time to be still—*mentally still*. In this way we grow receptive to the Spirit's inflow—the Spirit that Jesus promised the world, which can invigorate our bodies and quicken our intellects, so that we can have more physical and mental strength for our daily duties. Oh, that the Quiet Hour may be so used as to become an inlet for Divine power!

This month brings a share for the MISSIONARY HELPER from the Sunshine Society, and one from our assistant treasurer, Miss Porter, who says: "I think that dear little mother of mine would be interested to have this sum go for the MISSIONARY HELPER." Yes, Mrs. Porter, so long chairman of the Publication Committee, would be glad, probably is glad, to know that her daughters are interested in our magazine. I believe our present plan of shares of \$3 each, or five subscribers for three years, is the best we have ever had for the purpose of increasing the funds and subscription list. But there seems to be a little misinterpretation of the five subscribers as a lady, deeply interested in missionary work, told me recently that two of her subscribers had decided to pay for the magazine themselves and she wanted to know if she must pay for two more. I said no; as she was only responsible for the five new ones a year ago. If either of these had refused to have it another year then she would have been obliged to replace it with another, but as two have decided to pay for the magazine themselves she was so much "in pocket." The pledge is five subscribers, three years, beginning with new ones, paid for by the person making the pledge or by the new subscribers. I wonder how many ever pass along the HELPERS which they do not care to keep on file. About a year ago Mrs. Tasker, of Ocean Park, began to send her HELPERS monthly to Mr. Arter of the Cairo Mission. At the end of a year Mr. Arter sent her the postage on the magazine for another year, and the subscription price for one copy to a friend in West Virginia.

We are glad to welcome a new share in Miss Barnes' salary from the Juniors of Bangor, and hope many more will be added this year. Miss Barnes is now in India, and 125 shares are needed to pay her salary. The Brookston, Indiana, W. M. S. sends \$12.50 for support of a

Hindu Boys' School at Midnapore. We have several of these schools unsupported. The December *HELPER*, page 370, has an account of them. A lady in Rhode Island has sent \$26 for the Permanent Fund and it will be added to the Kindergarten Fund. Does not some one wish to endow this fund and name it? This kind of mission work is destined to have a great influence in reshaping the life of India.

Miss J. J. Scott will soon return to her home in Scotland, and Miss Dawson will be supported, in part at least, by the W. M. S. of Iowa. I hope the women of Iowa will interest themselves in Miss Dawson. A sketch of her life, and her picture appeared in the *MISSIONARY HELPER* a few months ago. The editor, Mrs. N. W. Whitcomb, Ocean Park, Me., has souvenir cards containing Miss Dawson's picture, with some of the children of the Orphanage. Can they not be widely distributed in Iowa? The price, in sets of 2, is five cents. If any wish to purchase them in quantity, or act as selling agent, they should correspond with Mrs. Whitcomb.

We are fast approaching the Thank-offering month of May. Recently I was at the Sandwich Association in New Hampshire and presented the Thank-offering in a business meeting of the W. M. S. Women promised to try and secure a Thank-offering in churches where none have been held in the past. I hope women in other associations, quarterly meetings and conferences will do likewise. There is every reason now why every church should hold a Thank-offering, and should the offering be designated for either home or foreign work the wishes of the donors will be respected. I hope every auxiliary, not now having them, will secure Thank-offering boxes of Mrs. A. D. Chapman, 12 Prescott St., Lewiston, Me., at once, and so be ready to supply all who may wish them. Are there not some unused ones in the homes of our workers which can be filled during the next few weeks? I expect that the time at my command for Thank-offering work will be limited to the first three weeks of May. So, if any wish my services I hope they will communicate with me at an early date in order that I may arrange these appointments in connection with my other work.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

Ocean Park, Me.

(All money orders should be made payable at Dover, N. H.)

FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE HELPER

Since the list of Pledges given and Shares taken for the financial support of the HELPER was published, a growing interest has been evidenced. We are glad to be able to supplement the previous list and to acknowledge that gifts of various sums have been received from some individuals who prefer that method of helping. The Woman's Missionary Society of New Durham, Q. M. sent six dollars in addition to a pledge of three dollars. It is reported that some pledges have been made in Michigan but no definite knowledge has reached the publisher. The supplemental list to date is:

FIVE NEW SUBSCRIBERS FOR FIVE YEARS

Mrs. Hattie R. Erskine.	Miss Emilie Barnes.
Mrs. Geo. A. Sargent.	Mrs. Julia A. Chatto.
Pledges for Shares at Three Dollars each:	Mr. James A. Dyer.
Auxiliary, Portland, Me.	Mrs. Anna T. Fernald.
Auxiliary, Roger Williams, Providence, R. I.	Rev. Carrie A. Gammon.
Auxiliary, Washington St. Church, Dover, N. H.	Mrs. M. S. Getchell.
"Busy Workers," Effingham Falls, N. H.	Helper Branch Sunshine Society.
	Mrs. L. Hildreth.
	Miss S. A. Perkins.
	Miss Edyth R. Porter.
	Mrs. Hattie P. Stone.
	Woman's Mis. Society, New Durham, Q. M.

We look for responses from other persons and societies. Address Ella H. Andrews, 122 Vinton St., Providence, R. I.

BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE

Announcement is made that the maps of the Island World of the Pacific to accompany Christus Redemptor, are out of print and will not be reprinted. All the other supplies for the interdenominational study of missions by the Woman's Missionary Societies can be obtained at the rates given at the beginning of the study year.

Information furnished by

MRS. A. D. CHAPMAN,
12 Prescott Street,
Lewiston, Maine.

Helps for Monthly Meetings

"With knowledge to supply the fuel, the Word and Spirit to add the spark, and prayer to fan the flame, missionary fires will be kindled, and souls will be set ablaze with holy zeal."

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TOPICS FOR 1906-1907

October—Roll-call and Membership.
November—The Island World:
1. The Society, Hervey, Astral and Pearl Islands.
December—2. Samoa, Tonga and Micronesia.
January—3. The Hawaiian Islands.
February—Prayer and Praise.
March—Our Missions at Home.
April—4. Fiji, The New Hebrides and Melanesia.
May—Thank-Offering.
June—5. New Zealand, New Guinea and Malaysia.
July—6. The Philippines.
August—Missionary Field Day.
September—Native Christians, Their Work and Gifts.

APRIL—Fiji, The New Hebrides and Melanesia

(CHRISTUS REDEMPTOR, CHAPTER IV).

Suggestive Program

SINGING.

RESPONSIVE READING—

Leader. Each is a witness.

Response. "And ye are witnesses of these things."

Leader. Some can go.

Response. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Leader. All are expected to work.

Response. "And said, Son, go work today in my vineyard."

Leader. Each has his part.

Response. "And gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work."

Leader. Most can give.

Response. "Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat."

Leader. All can pray.

Response. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

PRAYER.

ROLL CALL—Respond with an inspiring thought expressed by any one of the heroes mentioned in this chapter, or an interesting and helpful fact recorded about them. Auxiliaries that have the set of reference books, have ample material from which to cull to make this a very important part of the program.

MAP LESSON—As we begin this month the study of life in Melanesia,, it is well to briefly review the three divisions on the map, Polynesia, Micronesia and Melanesia. Point out routes, course, of commerce and of mail. Compare the different groups, size, population, productions, etc.

WORD PICTURES—1. Of the primitive conditions of Fiji and the New Hebrides, with the positive evils and horrors of savagry. 2. The contrasting picture of changed conditions brought about by the power of the Gospel. 3. The physical environment; beauties of nature, plant life, etc. (See Introduction.)

Show pictures Nos. 2 A and B, and 13 A and B, reading explanations.

MISSIONARY HEROES OF MELANESIA—1. James Calvert; 2. John G. Patton; 3. Geddie, Selwyn and Patterson.

REVIEW IN CONVERSATION—Bringing out the effect of commerce upon the islands; the Kanaka traffic, etc. (See Introduction.)

What gifts have these islands for us, for the Kingdom of God?

PRAYER—For the native people and the missionaries now working among them; and that the great nations may use their power for the uplift and betterment of the weaker races rather than for their degradation.

God has made you after His own plan, and He places you just where He wishes you to work with Him to bring about the highest results for yourself. He has given you every opportunity. Make yourself what you will—remember, it lies with you. God can make no mistakes!—*Alice Freeman Palmer.*

A CHINESE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

A remarkable Conference of Christian Women met not long since in Wei Hsien, the "Holy Land" of China. There were 300 women representing over 200 villages, and 200 more came from the neighborhood. Here was a gathering of women, some of them over seventy years of age, who had hobbled on their bound feet for forty miles or less, carrying bedding, hymn-book and Bible. More remarkable still is the fact that their husbands encouraged them to go—though many had never before been more than two miles from home.

Mrs. Roys, formerly of Smith College, writes that we might not consider the meetings wholly decorous. The "young tyrants, the babies, tired of sitting still, demanded a promenade pick-a-back up and down the aisles, and there was the first exchange of greetings, in penetrating tones between friends separated by half the audience." Moreover, when the meeting was thrown open, several would rise to their feet at once, uttering an imperious, "I speak," with an unmistakable implication, "Let all the earth keep silence."

The program included topics decidedly oriental; the family relationships, beginning with the daughter at home, her betrothal, the wife, the mother-in-law, the meaning of church membership, personal work, Sabbath observance, family worship, prayer and personal Bible study; unbinding the feet—a discussion which led two hundred and five of those present to loosen their bound feet.

Mrs. Roys says that the after meeting of the closing Sabbath was broken up entirely by the spontaneous desire of the delegates to go out for personal work on the street where thousands of women were wending their way to a temple to pray to the gods for a fruitful harvest. What a hopeful sign for the future when a religious conference must close one session because the delegates were all engaged in personal work.—*Selected.*

THE LESSON OF EASTER

We need not wait for Easter in the calendar to find the lesson of Easter. It is for all days. Every Lord's day is really an Easter, for it was on the first day of the week that Jesus arose, and it is the fact of his resurrection that makes our first day sacred. But we do not need to wait even for Sunday to bring us the Easter blessing. Easter is not so much a radiant date as a glorious fact.

Perhaps we do not always realize Easter's spiritual meaning and its supreme importance. If Jesus had not risen, there would have been no gospel, no Christianity, no hope of redemption for any one. Over his grave history could have written only the despairing word, "Defeat." "If Christ be not raised, then is our preaching vain, your faith is also vain. . . . Ye are yet in your sins." But Christ has been raised. A broken grave is as truly one of the symbols of our hope as is the cross.

Easter assures us, therefore, of the great victory of Christ over death. The Messiah was rejected and put to death, but God's purpose of love for the world could not thus be defeated. The slain Messiah was raised up again, and lives and carries on his work of redemption.

This is the true meaning of Easter. It is the day of hope and victory. While it has a definite place in the calendar, its brightness streams over all the year. It weaves its threads of light into all human experience. It puts new meaning into all human relationships. It changes sorrow into joy wherever Christ is loved and trusted. It makes all life infinitely more worth while, since it adds the element of immortality to everything that is tender and beautiful in love and friendship. We look through the rift in Christ's tomb as through a window, and see life going on forever.—*Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D.*

PRAYER

"Our heavenly Father, we need thee every hour. We are dependent upon thee for life and from thee comes our very breath; may we be more conscious of this dependence and cherish it in faith and fellowship. Temptations beset us and cunningly seek to allure and entrap us, and only thy grace can shield and strengthen us; help us to keep on the whole armor of God and resist the devil until he flees from us. Toil presses upon us as a heavy burden and discouragements fret and weary us until we are ready to lose heart; do thou sustain and inspire us so that we shall be strong and patient to bear the burden and fight the battle to the end. May we never think of life as a hard yoke which unkind fate has imposed upon us, but may we know that it is thy good gift which contains eternal blessedness. Help us to grow in the grace of Christ, to know his heart and have his Spirit, and then we shall be rich and strong and shall rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen."

THE MISSIONARY HELPER BRANCH
OF THE
International Sunshine Society

Have you had a kindness shown?

Pass it on.

'Twas not given for you alone—

Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years.

Let it wipe another's tears,

Till in heaven the deed appears.

Pass it on.

ALL letters, packages, or inquiries concerning this page, or Sunshine work, should be addressed to Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, 593 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., president of this branch.



Mrs. R. M. F. Buzzell by her generous gift of \$5.00 made many hearts to rejoice and be glad that such noble women live to cheer others.

Mrs. Hattie Ashley has requested that nine boys in her Sunday School Class be enrolled as Sunshine members; each one has the I. S. S. pin. Mrs. Ashley's mother, Mrs. Eleanor Stevens, although in her 80th year and in poor health, remembered us with a gift of \$1.00. Mrs. Frank A. Roberts, also in poor health, has passed on souvenir cards.

Mrs. F. L. Strout gave 30 cents and a useful work case. Miss L. A. DeMeritte, our *sunny treasurer*, gave 50 cents.

Mrs. E. J. Butterfield sent in some lace as dues for her grand-daughter, Kathryn, who has been a member since a wee little babe.

Miss Augusta Garland gave \$1.00 and a booklet. She is also cheering others by helpful letters, of which there is an urgent need just now, as so many of our members are ill or passing through great trouble.

Miss Elizabeth S. Knight, aside from passing on good reading matter, sent \$1.00 to help us scatter sunshine.

Mrs. F. A. Warner sent another piece of pretty neck ribbon, postage stamps, and a large number of yeast cake labels. Mrs. W. L. Dow gave stamps for postage and sent in the name of Mrs. Jennie M. French for membership. Mrs. M. J. Ray gave \$1.00; this kind act entitled her to enrollment.

Miss Lillie M. Elkins sent in a book, is passing on the HELPER regularly, writes letters, and makes sunshine calls as often as her health will permit.

Mrs. O. A. Smith whose life is filled with kind deeds, gave \$1.00 for our work. Another helpful sunshiner, Mrs. Lucia A. Libby, gave \$1.00 for the good cheer cause.

Mrs. J. B. Jordan gave \$1.00 and a number of pretty calendars.

Mrs. David Love has helped greatly in our Branch work as she went among her friends and raised money which enabled her to send out many greetings to shut-in sisters.

Mrs. Marilla Stran gave as her initiation dues, a year's subscription of the MISSIONARY HELPER.

Mrs. M. A. Preston has changed her address to No. 508 E 5th Street, Chattanooga, Tenn. Sunshine always radiates from her shut-in life so her neighbors will be blessed; we are in receipt of \$1.00, as we have been many times since she has been in our sunshine family.

Two of our members, Mrs. C. N. Brown and Miss E. J. Small, remembered 'our International Day.

Mrs. Louis B. Campbell can make use of cast off clothing of all kinds, to pass on to those who need this practical kind of sunshine. Send to 593 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Through Miss Emma F. Guild of Old Orchard, Maine, we learn of the death of her dear mother, Mrs. Mary B. Guild. We shall miss this sweet sunshine sister.

Practical Christian Living

"The day is coming when no one will be called a Christian unless he lives for humanity as Jesus lived. A new life is stirring in the hearts and minds of men and women today. It is a new vision of Christ."

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OUR QUIET HOUR

(10 A. M.)

"WHEN JESUS SPEAKS TO ME"

When Jesus speaks to me,

I hush my soul to hear,

And, kneeling, greet the still, small
voice

That thrills mine inward ear.

When Jesus speaks to me,

I count the world but loss;

I long to follow him, to be
A daughter of the cross.

When Jesus speaks to me,

What shall my soul reply?

But like the trembling child of old,

"Speak, Lord," and "Here am I!"

—The Helping Hand.

"Go to your room as to a shrine; take no book with you, no humblest task—simply sit still, or kneel down, and explore your heart. Celebrate the sacrament of silence; it will bring with it on the hands of viewless priests a meat that the world knows not of, and it will make audible to you the still, small voice of God, that speaks to us only when we are very still. One such hour, rightly used, will teach you more of God and truth and duty than all the sages can."

PRAYER

Our heavenly Father, do thou always show us to what loftier height we may climb, in what brighter light we may live our day, and what purer joy we may realize in all the wondrous ways of life. Forbid that we should look down; enable us evermore to look up, even unto the hills of God from whence cometh our help. If thou wilt show us these higher heights and brighter glories and fill our souls with the Holy Spirit we shall go on from one degree to another of life until we shall hardly regard heaven itself as a great surprise. May we so live that we shall not die, but simply pass to our proper place. When we come to what men call death may we find that it is but an ascension, a rising into the land of morning and the city of peace. And this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.—*Selected.*

Words from Home Workers

" 'Tis work we love, and work we long to do.
But always better work, and better still."



MICHIGAN—The annual meeting of the Michigan Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was held in connection with the State association at Mayville, Oct. 31st, to Nov. 1st, 1906. Sickness at the homes of the President and Secretary made their absence necessary, though much regretted. A short devotional service was conducted by Rev. Elizabeth Moody, after which Mrs. D. B. Reed of Hillsdale was elected President *pro tem* and Miss Moody was appointed Secretary. Some questions were asked regarding the union of General Conference and the W. M. S. boards that were answered by the Secretary. The presence of Mrs. Carrie Miles of Tripoli, Ia., the western delegate for Iowa, Minnesota and Michigan, to annual meeting of the General Society at Lowell, Mass., gave spirit to the Ladies' sessions, in words of cheer and helpfulness, as well as by her interesting report of that meeting, and also of the sailing of Emilie Barnes from Boston harbor a few days later. In Thursday's sessions letters were read from our Treasurer, Miss L. Garwood, and our President, Mrs. May Putnam. Mrs. Miles was again called upon for additional reports of the annual meeting and in these she urged the taking of shares in the MISSIONARY HELPER. Written reports of the relief work under the supervision of Mrs. Ida Cole and Mrs. J. G. Bilhorn were read, also letters from the several Quarterly Meetings. Mrs. H. P. Stone gave helpful words of greeting and later was elected our President for 1907. In her little talk to the ladies she gave many helpful and encouraging suggestions and, dear Michigan workers, at this time she also expressed a *desire for us and expects us* to be "helpers" together, if she is President. No Captain can lead his company to victorious battles unless they follow his leadership. Let us pray for and work with our President that another year may bring forth even better results.

At an early hour Friday morning the new President, Mrs. Stone, called the meeting to order and prayer was offered by Mrs. Dr. Ward; then an hour was spent in an informal discussion of methods for carrying forward this work. The interest manifest was very gratifying. Voted to

adjourn *sine die*. The public speakers, Mrs. Dr. Ward and Mrs. Hattie P. Stone, gave vivid glimpses of scenes from Japan and the conditions of the Congo Free State that stirred our hearts anew to action. Collections received: \$7.30, F. M.'s and \$5.05, H. M. The officers for 1907 were elected as follows: Pres., Mrs. Harriet P. Stone, Battle Creek; 1st Vice Pres., Mrs. J. T. Ward, Hillsdale; Sec'y., Mrs. Minnie E. Parsons, Manchester; Treas., Miss Loma Garwood, Cassopolis; Auditor, Mrs. M. A. Adamson, Cassopolis; HELPER Agent, Miss Susie Vorhes, Wilmot; Junior Supt., Mrs. M. D. Mack, Cassopolis; Cradle Roll, Mrs. E. C. Stewart, Kent City; Relief Work, Mrs. Ida Cole, Hillsdale; Com. on Necrology, Mrs. Elizabeth Pattan, Kingston; State Agent, Miss Elizabeth Moody, Hillsdale; Exec. Com., Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder, Hillsdale, and Mrs. Abbie Dunn Slayton, Hillsdale.

MINNIE E. PARSONS FOR MISS MOODY, Sec. *pro tem*.

MASSACHUSETTS—Lowell. The Women's Missionary Society of Page Street church has been reorganized this winter. After a suspension of one year, and with their new officers they anticipate a pleasant and useful season. Their second meeting was held on January third with Mrs. D. P. Knowlton, 18th street, and it was my privilege to be present as a guest. They propose to study India, using *Lux Christi* as a text book. Their special object of work is the support of Sagri, a native Zenana teacher. An interesting feature of their program is a "Roll Call of Missionaries." Each member of the society has been assigned the name of one of our missionaries, as an object of interest and prayer, and in answer to the name as read by the Secretary is expected to respond with some report or item of interest in connection with the work of that missionary. In this way we had the pleasure of hearing from Mr. Hamlin, Miss Dawson and others. Miss Ethel and Miss Florence, the lovely daughters of our hostess, contributed much to the interest of the afternoon; the one with her fine musical talents, and the other with some delicious home manufactured confectionery, which she gracefully served in connection with the refreshments, at the close of the meeting.

IDA FULLONTON.

IOWA—At the close of a successful revival meeting in Curlew, Ia., we organized a Woman's Missionary Society with twelve members. The ladies are wide awake and enthusiastic and will take up the study of missions. There will be six, at least, who will take the HELPER. Mrs. Clara McBride was elected president.

(MRS.) CARRIE MILES.

Juniors

Now dawns the blessed Easter,
The day of days most fair;
O bells, ring out your gladness,
The story to declare.
O happiness of Easter,
O glory of the day,
For death itself is conquered,
And Jesus lives alway.

With cheerful hearts and voices,
With love and all good cheer,
We bring you joyful service
This best day of the year.
And since our Lord is risen,
We know we cannot die.
Our lives go on forever
In that bright home on high.

—Elizabeth W. Denison.

Easter Program

SINGING—"Junior Battle Hymn," Missionary Songs and Hymns. (Juniors march while singing, from the rear of the church up the aisles, and take their places in the front seats.)

RESPONSIVE READING—

Leader. "And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun."

Response. "And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher?"

Leader. "And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away; for it was very great."

Response. "And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold two men stood by them in shining garments."

Leader. "And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen."

Response. "But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him, as he said unto you."

Leader. "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."

Response. "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection from the dead."

Leader. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

Response. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ."

PRAYER.

HYMN—"Christ the Lord Is Risen."

RESPONSIVE READING—

Leader. "Awake, thou that sleepest. . . . and Christ shall give thee light."

Response. "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

Leader. "Ye are the light of the world."

Response. "Walk in the light as he is in the light."

Leader. "Show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Response. "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

Leader. "Now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light."

Response. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness."

Leader. "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning."

Response. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

RECITATION—"Now Dawns the Blessed Easter."

BRIEF TALK ABOUT EASTER—The best gift of all is eternal life. Christ gave this to us. What are we giving to him? Our time? Our talents? Our money? Ourselves?

SINGING—"A Joyful Easter," (while the offering is being taken.)

RECITATION—"Jesus, Risen Saviour." (By a little girl in white, bearing lilies.)

Jesus, risen Saviour,
At thy feet we lay
Lilies pure and fragrant
On this Easter day.
Like the Easter lilies,
Make us pure within;
Keep our hearts, dear Saviour,
Free from stain of sin.
Loved ones brought sweet spices
On that Easter day;

We bring fragrant lilies—
Gifts of love are they.
As the perfume rises
From each dainty bell,
Love and grateful praises
Rise to thee as well.
Like these fragrant lilies,
Make us pure within.
Keep us, blessed Saviour,
Free from thought of sin.
—Elizabeth G. H. Atwood.

RECITATION—"The Lord Is Risen," (By one of the older boys.)

The silvery slopes of Olivet	Yet many a sunlit Southern strand
Were steeped in mystic gloom,	Still waits for what may come,
Save where the morning star, unset,	And many a league of darkened land
Hung o'er the garden tomb,	Hung o'er the garden tomb,
When to the angels watching there,	They watch for signs athwart the sky,
Across the shadows dim,	They faint beneath their woe;
Came thrilling through the hallowed	"No hope!" in mad despair they cry;
air	Would God they could but know
The earliest hymn:	"The Lord is risen!"
"The Lord is risen!"	

O, heroes of the living God,
 Scale each beleaguered height,
 And flash out bravely, clear, and
 broad
 Your beacon's splendid light,
 Till from Uganda's blood-stained walls
 Comes back the grand refrain,
 And far Korea's answering calls
 Unite with Congo's strain:
 "The Lord is risen!"

—Margaret J. Preston.

SINGING—Air: "Ring the Bells of Heaven."

Ring the bells of Easter,
 Ring them glad today,
 Tell the glorious tidings far and wide.
 Day o'er night has triumphed;
 Life has conquered death;
 Heaven and earth again are reconciled.

Chorus. (Whole school joins.)

Glory, glory, how the glad bells ring!
 Glory, glory, how the glad bells ring!
 Death's forever vanished, life's forever free;

Man shall live throughout eternity!
 Ring the bells of Easter,
 Ring them out alway,
 Till our Christ shall reign o'er every soul.

Bands can never bind him,
 "Word of God!" indeed,
 He shall make the earth's redemption whole.

—Union Signal.

The regular lesson for this month is "A Cruise in the Island World," Chapter V, Life on Tanna Fifty Years Ago. It is a wonderful lesson with a wonderful hero, John G. Paton. Superintendents who do not wish to omit this lesson can utilize a part of the Easter Service for opening and closing exercises. The text book gives ample directions for an interesting meeting. See also, the article in this HELPER and show the portrait to the children. A leaflet on John G. Paton can be obtained of Mrs. A. D. Chapman, 12 Prescott St., Lewiston, Me., for two cents. "Missionary Songs and Hymns" for ten cents.

TWO "ME'S"

Blanche was looking at herself in a hand mirror. She was talking to herself. This is what she said: "Mamma says there are two me's. An' I s'pects there is, cause the me that is talking now is me! I'se sure 'tis, an' the me that's in the glass is me, cause it's got on the hair ribbon mamma gave me. Mamma says there's a good me and a naughty me. The good me minds and kisses her, and doesn't get mad or slap. The naughty me crosses her words—she says cross words, I mean. And she slams doors, and won't go to bed when go-to-bed time comes. I'm the good me. Please tell me, little girl in the glass, if you am the naughty me."—*Lessons for the Little Ones.*

It was in a country school, and I was hearing my little second reader class. The lesson that day was a story about flies, their curious ways and habits. Among other things the story said that flies always kept their faces clean, and then went on to tell how they rubbed their feet over their heads, as could often be seen by watching them. The last thing in the lesson was the question: "What lessons can boys and girls learn from the flies?" I asked the children to answer the question. Only one small boy ventured an answer, and that was: "To wash our faces with our feet."—*Selected.*

WILD FLOWERS IN AFRICA

Many of the wild flowers in Africa are unknown to us in America, and numbers of the beautiful and rare orchids which are kept in green-houses here, grow wild and in great luxuriance there; but you will find in many places our common flowers, the oxalis, callas or lilies, dog roses and two or three lovely cluster roses, black-eyed susans, or rudbeckias, geraniums, and a great many more with creepers and vines which are found in our woods.—*Selected.*

Contributions

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts for January, 1907

MAINE		INDIANA	
Anson Conf Coll	\$ 5 12	Brookston, W M S for Hindu Boy's School at Mid	\$ 12 50
Bangor, Essex St, F B Ch, 1 sh, Miss Barnes' sal'y	4 00	MINNESOTA	
Casco, Union Aux, Miss Coombs	5 00	Blue Earth City, F B S S for Miss Barnes	\$ 11 03
Houlton, Q M, Coll for Miss Coombs	12 30	Hennepin, Q M, W M S	2 30
Lisbon Falls Aux, \$5 for Miss Coombs; \$1 toward L M, Mrs Geo Plummer	6 00	Madelia, F B S S for Miss Barnes	4 00
Mapleton Aux for nat teacher at Mid	13 00	Money Creek, S S, Birthday Box Of	4 75
Mapleton by Jr Mission Band for Kati S O	5 00	Winnebago, Sarah Benedict for School at Midnapore	25 00
Madison Aux for Bodni, zen teach at Bal	6 25	Winona Aux for F M	4 00
Milo Aux for zen teach at Bal	6 25	WISCONSIN	
Pittsfield Aux for Nettie at Mid	6 25	Madison, Ellen A Copp, T O for Contingent Fund	\$ 10 00
Saco Aux, Miss Coombs, \$25; child S O, \$25	50 00	IOWA	
So Limington Aux for Callie Week's S O	4 00	Aurora for Miss Scott	\$ 1 00
W Buxton, by Maud Berryman's S S Class	5 00	Buchanan Co, Q M, Coll for Miss Dawson	1 50
No 8 for Tonu and Primary Sin India	5 00	Dunkerton Aux for Miss Dawson	3 00
W Bowdoin S S for Jalo, Bal	5 00	Fairbank Aux for Miss Dawson	3 00
W Falmouth Aux for Miss Coombs	5 00	Hillsboro Aux for Miss Dawson	8 70
		Little Cedar Aux for Miss Dawson	5 00
NEW HAMPSHIRE		KANSAS	
Ashland Aux	\$ 7 00	Summit Ch, Jr Endeavor, Miss Barnes, 1 share	\$ 4 00
Dover, Abbie V Winkley, for F M	2 00	CALIFORNIA	
London Centre, 1 sh, Miss Butts' sal'y	5 00	San Francisco, Jas A Dyer for Betsey French Dyer mem'l for support of Jhumpi S O, \$25; and T O, \$2.50	\$ 27 50
Meredith Aux	4 08	NEW BRUNSWICK	
Sandwich Asso at Sandwich and Ashland	5 81	Grand Harbor, United Baptist C E Soc'y for Dukhi	\$ 6 00
Somersworth Aux for B P School at Mid Somersworth Jrs for Miss Barnes, \$2; C R, 56c	2 56	MISCELLANEOUS	
W Lebanon Aux, int M A Dearborn Fund for F M	8 00	HELPER BRANCH of Sunshine Soc'y for 1 sh MISS HELPER	\$ 3 00
		Income for Gen Fund	17 50
MASSACHUSETTS		Income for Kind Wk, 62c; Inc Fund, \$9.38	10 00
Foxboro, W A Coombs for Miss Coombs	\$ 5 00	Income of Sinking Fund for Inc Fund	10 00
Haverhill, Children of Winter St Ch S S, Miss Barnes' sal'y	4 00	Total	\$522 69
Peabody, Edyth R Porter for share in Miss HELPER and on L M, Ethie A Porter	3 79	LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treas.	
RHODE ISLAND		Ocean Park, Me.	
Arlington Aux, Ind.	\$ 6 50	Per. EDYTH R. PORTER, Asst. Treas.	
Providence, Elmwood Ave, Aux for Ind	8 50	NOTES—Money credited to Houston, Minn., Juniors should have been to Money Creek Juniors.	
Providence, Elmwood Ave, Aux for Kind Work	8 50	Of the receipts from Hampton, N. H., Aux. for December, \$2.25 should be credited to C. R.	
Providence, Rog Wms, Aux, Kind Work	27 00	Thank Offerings from Hillsboro, Iowa Aux. constitute Mrs. Ella Carter, L. M.	
Providence, Mrs Albert W Burgess for Kind Fund	26 00	FORM OF BEQUEST	
NEW YORK		I give and bequeath the sum of ——— to the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, a corporation of the State of Maine.	
Buffalo Aux for zenana teacher Nitya at Midnapore	\$ 25 00		
MICHIGAN			
Battle Creek, Mrs Harriet Phillips Stone for Miss Scott, \$10; ½ share, Miss Brunotch, \$5; passage, \$5; Adm, \$5	\$ 25 00		
Cassapolis, Mrs Emma D Mack for Miss Dawson	5 00		